



City of Bellevue

SPECIAL ELECTION

May 20, 2003

Local
VOTERS

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SPECIAL NOTE

Voters registered in the City of Bellevue are eligible to vote on all or any part of the City of Bellevue ballot.

Voters do not need to vote on City of Bellevue Proposition No. 1 to be eligible to vote for the Proposed Charter Commission freeholder candidates.

Should the City of Bellevue Proposition No. 1 fail, the Proposed Charter Commission would not be created and the elected freeholders would not serve.

VOTER INFORMATION

Voters Pamphlet

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Voter Qualifications

To register to vote you must:

- be a citizen of the United States
- be a legal resident of Washington state
- be at least 18 years old by election day
- have a Social Security card or a Washington driver's license.

In Washington, you do not have to declare political party membership when you register to vote.

Registration Deadlines

While you may register to vote at any time, keep in mind that there are registration deadlines prior to each election. You must be registered at least **30 days** before an election (April 19, 2003) if you register by mail or through the Motor Voter program. You may register **in person**, at the office of your county auditor or election department, up to 15 days before an election. (May 5, 2003) However, you must vote by absentee ballot for that particular election.

How to Register

Complete a voter registration form and put it in the mail. Forms are available from King County Records, Elections and Licensing Services Division, public libraries, schools, other government offices or the Internet.

Keep Your Voter Registration Up-to-date

If your voter registration record does not contain your **current** name or address, it may effect your voting status. You can use the mail-in voter registration form to let your county auditor or election department know when you move or change your name.

Absentee Ballots

Absentee ballot requests must be made to your county auditor or election department (not the Secretary of State). No absentee ballots are issued on election day except to hospitalized voters or reissues of absentee ballots already requested. You may place a request for an absentee ballot by phone, fax or mail as early as 90 days before an election. You may also apply **in writing** to automatically receive an absentee ballot before each election. ***If you have already requested an absentee ballot or have a permanent request for a ballot on file, please do not submit another application.***

Once you receive your absentee or mail-in ballot, you must vote it. If you do not receive your absentee ballot or you have lost it, please notify the Elections Office at the numbers listed. Absentee and mail-in ballots must be signed and postmarked or delivered to your county auditor or election department **on or before** election day.

Election Dates and Poll Hours

This special election is May 20, 2003. Polling place hours for all elections are 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Services and Additional Assistance

Contact the King County Elections Section for help with voting your ballot or finding your polling location.

By Phone - 206.296.8683 or TTD 206.296.0109

By Mail - King County Records, Elections and Licensing Services Division
553 King County Administration Building,
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Seattle, WA 98104

Via Internet - <http://www.metrokc.gov/elections/>



City of Bellevue Proposition No. 1

BALLOT TITLE

PROPOSITION NO. 1

CHANGES BELLEVUE TO CHARTER CITY; COMMISSION TO STUDY, DRAFT CHARTER

This proposition would change the City of Bellevue's classification under Revised Code of Washington Title 35A to a charter code city and would create a charter commission consisting of fifteen freeholders elected by the voters to study and draft a charter for submission to the voters for their consideration at a subsequent election.

Shall the City of Bellevue become a Charter code city and be governed in accordance with a charter to be drafted by freeholders and submitted to the voters for their consideration under the provisions of Title 35A of the Revised Code of Washington?

- ☐ Yes Charter Code City
☐ No Charter Code City

Explanatory Statement

The City of Bellevue was incorporated in 1953 as a third class city under the Council-Manager plan of government. In 1970, voters retained the Council-Manager plan and approved a change in municipal classification to a "non-charter code city" under the Optional Municipal Code, which provides a home rule legal framework for the City. The City is directed by an elected City Council which appoints a City Manager to head the administrative branch of City government.

In November, 2002, a citizen group petitioned for an election to change the city government from a non-charter code city to a charter code city. A charter allows cities to adopt any plan of government deemed suitable for the good government of the city not inconsistent with the state constitution, general law, or the Optional Municipal Code.

The effect of the measure, if approved: Fifteen freeholders would be elected to form a commission charged with studying and drafting a charter to govern the city. Within 180 days of its first meeting, the Charter Commission must submit the proposed charter to the City Council. Within 5 days thereafter, the City Council must initiate placement of the proposed charter on the ballot at the next general election if one is to be held within 180 days or, if not, at a special election to be held not less than 90 nor more than 180 days after submission of the charter to the City Council.

Statement for

Fifty years after incorporation, Bellevue has grown into a city of 117,000, the 4th largest in the state. Yet, Bellevue is the only city its size without a CHARTER. 4,300 petition signers think it's time for an independent audit of our governance!

A Charter is like a constitution, the gold standard of good government. It is a unique opportunity to improve our government, in an open process with an independent Charter Commission elected by you. The Charter will be reviewed by residents like us, and then placed on the ballot for a citywide vote.

Possible improvements are:

- Improve city government accountability with the direct election of the mayor. The council currently selects the mayor from among themselves. An elected mayor will be accountable to the people, not just to council members.
- Equal representation of Bellevue residents with election of council members by district. The high costs of current citywide elections allow special interests excessive influence over our city council. District council members will be responsive to your neighborhood concerns.

The best future for Bellevue requires government accountability and fair representation. A Charter city offers us that better future. Please vote YES on May 20 for a better Bellevue.

For further information: www.bellevuecharternow.org

Rebuttal of statement against

The people funding the opposition campaign want to prevent you from voting on improvements in your government. Don't be fooled by their phony claims. They fear open government and neighborhood involvement.

A positive Charter vote allows us to enhance our city - by open and honest process and wise use of tax dollars.

After 50 years, the time is now for this independent review. Please vote YES on May 20th for a better Bellevue.

STATEMENT PREPARED BY: Renay Bennett, Don Mackenzie, Rebecca E. Lewis

Statement against

Bellevue's government works. It's highly respected, award winning efficiency has produced an enviable record: low tax rates, highest bond rating, more parks and police per capita, great human and senior services, and fast fire/medical response times.

Today each of us elects **seven** non-partisan council members who provide policy guidance to a professional city manager. Because the council chooses the Mayor from among them, Bellevue avoids the power struggles between mayor and council that characterize many "strong mayor" cities. Yet, Charter proponents of a ward/district system would limit your vote to **only one** council member and a full-time, political mayor. And, we could end up with more council members, partisan bickering, more bureaucracy, higher taxes- who knows?

What we will actually get from a Charter city will be up to 15 individual freeholders who can create whatever form of government they want. The charter study, including lawyers, consultants and staff, plus two elections, will cost \$500,000 — maybe more. Aren't there better uses for our tax dollars?

It's hard to imagine a new system will provide better services, but it's easy to picture it being more expensive. Don't take a chance with higher taxes and reduced city services. VOTE NO CHARTER!

For further information: 425.830.7244

Rebuttal of statement for

Don't trade in our excellent government for "*possible* improvements" that will likely become "*probable* detriments":

More council members; Higher taxes; Political patronage; Bigger bureaucracy; Partisan bickering; Neighborhood wards and deal-making; Voting for only one instead of all council members.

Why spend \$500,000 to study *possibilities*?

Bellevue's system works for all of us RIGHT NOW: low taxes, great services, neighborhood responsiveness. Vote NO Charter and we'll keep it that way!!

Save Our City: NO on Charter

STATEMENT PREPARED BY: Nan Campbell, Jane Hague, Richard Chapin

SPECIAL NOTE

If the City of Bellevue Proposition No. 1 passes, approving the change of classification to a charter code city, a charter commission would be created consisting of fifteen freeholders elected by the voters. The following candidates have filed for the fifteen freeholder positions.

If the City of Bellevue Proposition No. 1 fails, the elected freeholders will not take office. If you have any questions please call the Records, Elections and Licensing Services Division at 206.296.8683 or TTD 206.296.0109.

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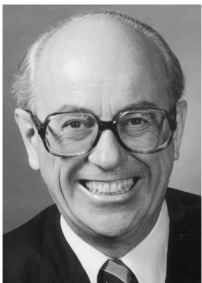


Ron SMITH
Nonpartisan

Should the citizens of Bellevue decide to change the City of Bellevue from a Municipal Code City to a Charter City, I promise to bring a fair and deliberate process to the evaluation and possible change in our city's form of governance.

Having served as a two-term Council member and past Mayor of Bellevue, I will provide valuable insight and first hand knowledge to any deliberations in contemplating our form of government. My hands on experience in dealing with citizen interests citywide provide me a unique perspective in how we can perform government's core services and responsibilities better. This will be viewed with a keen eye toward the efficiency and expense associated with any proposed changes.

Thank you for your consideration of my candidacy for the position of Freeholder. This is truly a unique event in the city's history and I would be honored to represent you.



Don MACKENZIE
Nonpartisan

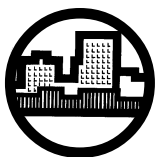
Born in New York in 1929, I spent most of my youthful years in Ireland. I graduated in engineering from Dublin University in 1950.

Married there to Joyce, we traveled to Cleveland, Ohio in 1956 where we had three daughters. I worked most of the time there for Standard Oil of Ohio, before we came to Seattle in 1961. I worked at Boeing from then until I retired at the end of 1991.

I was a Bellevue City Councilman from 1984 through 1991, during which time I served as Mayor Pro-tem for two years.

I have volunteered at Group Health since I retired, and am also a member of the Senior Caucus (an advocate group for seniors within Group Health). I served as chairman of the caucus for four years. I am a member of the Seattle Arts Museum and the Irish Heritage Club.

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**Wayne D.
TANAKA**
Nonpartisan

My family and I have lived in Bellevue for 20 years. Our children went to Bellevue schools and graduated from Newport HS. I am running for the charter commission because I want our form of government to remain efficient and responsive to the people. Here are my qualifications to serve on the commission:

- Attorney specializing in municipal law for 28 years
- Have worked with many cities and different forms of government
- Served as attorney to the Snohomish County Freeholders and helped draft their Charter
- Elected three terms on the Bellevue School Board
- Past board member Eastside YMCA.

If elected, I will contribute my experience and knowledge of government to objectively analyze Bellevue's current form of government, determine what changes would be beneficial and make the appropriate recommendation to the voters.

I ask for your support and vote on May 20. Thank you.

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**Joshua
SCHAER**
Nonpartisan

Vote YES for Joshua Schaer and the Bellevue Charter! Joshua is an appellate attorney and Bellevue resident since 1989. He was elected as a Precinct Committee Officer in 1996, and served on the Eastside Transit Sounding Board and Neighborhood Enhancement Program. Joshua's legal expertise, writing skills, and knowledge of our City make him ideal for the Charter Commission, drafting an improved government structure.

Joshua favors an elected mayor accountable to residents, and neighborhood districts with fair representation. Growing up in Albuquerque, NM, he knew the mayor – an open and accessible city leader. When Joshua's family moved to Bellevue, he was surprised to learn our community let the council select the mayor without direct voting. Shouldn't we approve our own leadership?

On May 20th, you can make a difference by voting YES! Joshua Schaer is the right candidate for election, and he will work hard for a better Bellevue.

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**Ken
SEAL**
Nonpartisan

Ken Seal has been a community activist in Bellevue for forty-five years. Beginning with the Lake Hills Community Club, he was a Lake Hills Sewer District Commissioner, participated in Land-use/Zoning decisions and currently serves on the East Bellevue Municipal Community Council, which speaks out on behalf of all neighborhoods of Bellevue.

Elect our city council by districts so council members can effectively campaign in person and know the problems of each neighborhood.

Elect our part-time Mayor at large. Federal and State Legislation has created laws administered by hordes of bureaucrats; so we need a professional Administrative Assistant for the Mayor. All city department heads should be subject to council authority.

We need the power of initiative and referendum to help give the citizens of Bellevue a strong voice in advising the city council in directing the city's progress.

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**Claudia
BALDUCCI**
Nonpartisan

I strongly support the right of Bellevue's citizens to adopt a charter. As freeholder, I would first listen carefully and then draft a charter that provides fair representation for all, while preserving our high quality of life and services like public safety and neighborhood enhancement. I am open to change, but not committed to any specific changes before hearing from fellow Bellevue residents in the charter process.

My qualifications include legal experience in the private and public sectors. I currently work with law enforcement as the human resources manager for the King County jail system. I care deeply about my Lake Hills neighborhood, where I have lived for 10 years. I have been active in neighborhood improvement projects; in streamlining city government as co-chair of the 2001 One-City campaign, and in supporting youth as a member of an Advance Bellevue team developing a teen website calendar.

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**Stacie LeBlanc
ANDERSON**
Nonpartisan

As a resident of Bellevue since 1964, I have seen many changes in our city as it grows through its adolescence, and seeks to refine its status as a center of commerce, arts and culture.

As the city continues to grow, we need to maintain the vitality and longevity of our neighborhoods, and make appropriate changes to our government to reflect the changing nature of our city.

In the interest of better Bellevue government, I advocate for two changes that would empower residents: the citizen election of the Mayor and the election of councilpersons by neighborhood district. Districts would allow an average resident to run for council without special interest group contributions, and make it possible to campaign door to door to gain support.

I serve as a steering committee member of Bellevue Charter Now, Vice President of the Surrey Downs Community Club, and am active in the local arts community.

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**Bill
GUENZLER**
Nonpartisan

Education/Occupation: Masters Degree; Civil Engineering

Personal: Married; Two grown children; Member, First Presbyterian Church; Resident since 1986.

Statement:

I am seeking election as a freeholder because the type of city government we choose can make the difference between a place that is excellent and one that is mediocre. A city charter is the local equivalent of the US Constitution. It sets rules for how our representatives are elected, it protects our citizen rights and it specifies how city services are administered. Good cities have good charters!

I have worked as a transportation engineer for over 34 years. I have held administrative positions with three cities including eleven years as a department director for the City of Bellevue. I have also managed large transportation projects around the Puget Sound region. I will use this practical knowledge in writing a charter that ensures city government is responsive and efficient.

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**Jim
RADCLIFFE**
Nonpartisan

B.S. Yale 1953. Industrial Administration major, Mechanical/Electrical engineering minor. Graduate Advanced Management Program, University of Hawaii, 1975.

Intelligence & Operations Specialist, U.S. Army.

Thirty-six years Boeing: Strategic business/product planning, economic analysis and forecasting, divisions' budgeting and control, organization and business processes evaluation and development, project planning/scheduling/cost estimating; sales and marketing programs development. Retired, 1995.

Community service: Mercer Island Roads & Trails Board, Mercer Island City Council, Fiscal Advisory committee to the MI School Board. Church Vestry & Finance Committee.

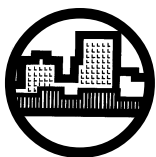
Resident owner, Towne Square Condominiums since 1992. Homeowners' Association Board member, Treasurer and President, 1993-2000.

Participant in Neighborhood Networks. Member, Eastside Transportation Association.

I am open to consideration of alternative government organizational structures; but, I believe Bellevue has grown to a size that regional/neighborhood representation in our City Government must be a feature of any form adopted. **CONTACT ADDRESS: 1617 102nd PL NE, Bellevue, WA 98004**

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**William A.
LINTON**
Nonpartisan

My wife Sharon and I bought our home in the Northtown area twenty years ago. My community interests include the Bellevue Downtown YMCA Board, King County Bar Association Pro Bono program, I-405 Citizens Review Committee, and serving on our church council. I do not support changing Bellevue's charter. Bellevue is a great place to live and watch our children grow. There is a sense of community here that I believe should be maintained. You don't have to look far to see this. We have great parks, well run utilities, responsive police and fire. Our current city government works well for all of Bellevue. I believe now is not the time to spend significant dollars on form over substance. I will work on the commission to avoid radical revisions to our city government that will only serve to divide our community.

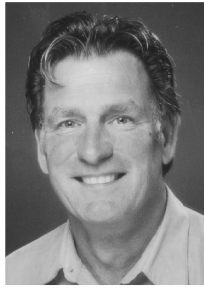
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**Kim B.
RICHARDS**
Nonpartisan

The city of Bellevue has been my home for over fifty years. I have enjoyed living and working in Bellevue and have wanted to give back to the city. Having watched Bellevue change over the years I have noticed some of those changes have been good while others have been more problematic. As cities transform I believe their governmental structures need to be re-examined to make sure they are representative of the changing community. I am running for the Bellevue Charter Commission to engage in that procedure as a service to my community.

My background has been modest. Graduating from Sammamish High School I attended Central Washington University graduating with a degree in education. I worked in the Bellevue School District for thirty-one years in a variety of capacities. My teaching spanned elementary to the high school levels with the last assignments as a middle school counselor.

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**Steve
BROWN**
Nonpartisan

My wife and I have been Bellevue residents for 10 years. Our daughter attends Phantom Lake Elementary, of which I am the PTA co-President. I also serve on the Board of Trustees for the Bellevue Schools Foundation. We are members of the Samena Swim and Recreation Club; active with the Lake Hills Soccer Club; and participate in the Boys and Girls Clubs of Bellevue soccer program. As an active volunteer, I strongly believe in giving back to the community that provides us a wonderful place to work and live.

The city of Bellevue and its voters will face a very important ballot on May 20th in deciding Bellevue's future government. If the city charter ballot passes, I want involvement in the elected commission to ensure a path of responsibility to all citizens; promote accountability and a voice for Bellevue neighborhoods; and help strengthen a tradition of effective and efficient government.

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**David W.
MARKS**
Nonpartisan

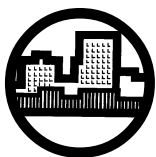
Bellevue has grown considerably during the past 50 years. Council members living in one neighborhood can't fully appreciate issues affecting other neighborhoods. A combination of district and at-large representation will ensure better balanced, more efficient decisions benefiting all of Bellevue's stakeholders.

I've worked hard to make Bellevue a better place during the 13 years I've lived here. Between 1994 and 1998, I served as President of the West Lake Sammamish Association. From 1998 through 2000, I co-chaired Neighborhood Network North, a partnership between the City and neighborhood representatives until the City abruptly withdrew. I also helped craft two ordinances providing for less intrusive cell towers in Bellevue's neighborhoods.

As business lawyer and Freeholder, I promise to objectively review our City government and recommend for your approval the best alternative for the next 50 years. Vote "Marks for Freeholder" and "Yes For Charter" on May 20th.

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**Lael
BRAYMER**
Nonpartisan

The City of Bellevue has developed into an attractive place to live, but it is time for Bellevue to examine the possibilities of a home rule charter. The population is varied with a diversity in backgrounds and life styles and the adoption of a home rule charter would make Bellevue truly a first class city.

I have lived in Bellevue twenty-nine years, in Norwood Village on the south slope of Woodridge Hill. I graduated from the University of Washington. I have participated in the League of Women Voters for forty years and worked on studies on government. Several candidate campaigns, initiative campaigns, The Municipal League and The World Affairs Council have been some of my activities.

I feel I can contribute to evaluate the governance possibilities for our city. I believe in "All for Bellevue, Bellevue for All." Please give me your vote on May 20, 2003.

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**Zee
STRAIGHT-WEISS**
Nonpartisan

If approved, an unfunded Charter Commission will be established. (*Per RCW 35A.80.050, The City Council MAY appropriate city funds for the commission's efforts.*)

The commission must develop a Problem Statement and a Statement of Work including: (1) Scope and purpose; (2) Assumptions; and, (3) A detailed budget (including funding sources), and schedule.

My governmental experience is extensive. In 2000 I was appointed to a second four-year term on the Bellevue Transportation Commission. I have also served on many citizens advisory committees including the Downtown Implementation Plan, the Downtown Circulator Study, and the Newport Hills Subarea.

I come to these issues with integrity, thoughtfulness and objectivity, and will examine our current structure and the options available through a charter. We must understand how well the citizens of Bellevue are being served now, and then carefully weigh the costs, risks and benefits of change versus no change.



**Bob
STEED**
Nonpartisan

Bob Steed, 16-year Bellevue resident, takes membership pride in the accomplishments of the Bellevue Planning Commission (8 years), School Fiscal Committee (9 years), and Neighborhood President.

Committed in these positions that Bellevue remain a wonderful place to live and work, Bob successfully worked City-wide efforts to reduce tax rates while providing full school funding, streamlined City processes and regulations for businesses, mitigated environmental impacts, improved the City's Transportation Plan, enhanced Downtown vitality, worked to protect neighborhoods from Redmond impacts, plus more.

Bob knows this city, the diverse people, its values, businesses and leadership. Bob works to achieve beneficial results for all.

Bob and Greta, married for 25 years, raise their children valuing Bellevue's wonderful community.

Bob Steed's strong citizen, technical leading edge and management background is uniquely helpful to create a Charter focused on the Future; Expertise, Experience and Commitment help assure a worthy Charter for 2003 and the Future!

WEBSITE: www.vote_bob_steed.com



**Jeannie M.
VAHLSING**
Nonpartisan

I am a Bellevue schoolteacher and resident for over 25 years. I am president of my neighborhood association and involved in local community and city issues.

Bellevue has grown significantly since incorporation from 6,000 residents to over 115,000. With this change comes the need for improved government that addresses the needs and issues that are specific to our neighborhoods. We still elect our council members at large and have an appointed Mayor. This system of government no longer works for us and has given rise to a lack of neighborhood representation on our city council.

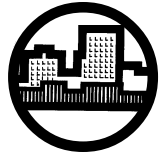
For the first time we have the opportunity to examine and improve our government through an independent charter commission.

I am asking for your vote to become a "freeholder" on this commission and to represent your interest to ensure improved neighborhood representation and a better Bellevue.

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Scott WALLACE
Nonpartisan

I am asking for your support for the Bellevue Charter Commission.

I am an independent candidate without affiliation with either the pro or con side which means I will have an open mind regarding certain key issues such as an elected mayor and council members by district. I believe in establishing a credible program that provides a balance for neighborhood concerns.

My experiences will add positive factors in deciding a city government for the future. We need to insure responsibility and accountability with a minimum of bureaucratic barriers and excessive costs for public services.

I am a lifelong Eastside resident and a 10-year Bellevue resident. My experiences include 8 years as a King County commissioner, bank director, school board director and Darigold Farms director.

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Jane ARCHER
Nonpartisan

I believe government should be effective, efficient, representative, and responsive. Since receiving community leadership training through Advance Bellevue, I have been serving the citizens of Bellevue on the Bellevue Parks & Community Services Board and the West Lake Hills Neighborhood Investment Strategy CAC. If the Charter measure passes, I would like to further serve as a member of the Charter Commission. If elected, I will work to write a Charter which allows Bellevue to retain a government which represents and is responsive to the interests and needs of ALL of its citizens and neighborhoods. I will do the research necessary to write a Charter which ensures that Bellevue remains fiscally sound and is a place where businesses flourish and where every citizen has the best quality of life possible. Whether you vote YES or NO on the Charter, please vote yes for me as Freeholder Position #9.

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Paula FRASER
Nonpartisan

I have resided in Bellevue for over thirty years and have taught in the Bellevue School District at Stevenson Elementary within the Crossroads neighborhood for twenty years. My mission in the classroom is to educate young people so that they are prepared to assume the highest office of the land—Citizen—by fostering academic competence along with the decision making skills necessary for effective participation in a democratic society within a complex, interdependent world. I want to model this citizen participation for my students through collaborating with other citizens as a member of the Bellevue Charter Commission. I strongly believe that all of us working together to further the common good, while valuing diverse perspectives, will determine the best form of government for Bellevue as it advances into the future—all for one city and one city for all!

Institute for Community Involvement www.icitoday.com



Joseph H. ROSMANN
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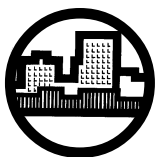
Bellevue has seen dramatic change since its founding. We are now a highly diverse population, living in well-defined communities. Some neighborhoods are older and require renewal. Some are newer and desire enhanced services. Still others have a mix of ethnic and economic backgrounds with different concerns. This diversity calls for city leadership closely attuned to all our neighborhoods.

Choosing our mayor by vote of all the electorate, and electing our city council by local community will provide an effective balance of local community needs with commitment to citywide progress.

I will bring my professional consulting and management leadership experience at two of the US' largest management consulting organizations, as well as community service work in several of America's other great cities, to help shape Bellevue's future. I live with my family in Surrey Downs and serve as Vice President and Internet Services Coordinator of the Surrey Downs Community Club.

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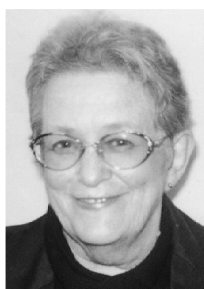
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**Sheldon
ARAKAKI**
Nonpartisan

"As your elected freeholder I want to make sure our commission considers all reasonable options when proposing our form of city government or election format whether it's maintaining the status quo, implementing single member council districts or an elected mayor. Greater citizen participation should be one outcome of this effort as the people of Bellevue create the next fifty years of this city's history."

Sheldon Arakaki has lived in Bellevue for 10 years and works as an e-commerce analyst. He is the JACL-Lake Washington chapter civil rights chair, a member of Eastside Asian Pacific Islanders, a longtime board member for Washington Literacy, a United Way King County member agency, and a former English learner language volunteer for Eastside Literacy (Hopelink) and the St. James ESL program.



**Jan
BENSON**
Nonpartisan

Bellevue resident, 35 years. Retired Controller, Community Leader, Co-Chair Neighborhood Network North, involved with the Parking & Lawn Ordinance, active in protecting neighborhood concerns for redevelopment of Lake Hills Shopping Center.

Why I believe in a Charter Code city:

Today, any proposal to modify our manner of city government must be approved by the city council. Oftentimes, it is in the council's best interest to disallow these proposals. Therefore, I strongly support voting for a charter code city as a rare opportunity to establish the kind of government that will suit the needs of this diversified city.

Why I want to help create our new charter:

How neighborhoods fare, how citizens are heard, how business succeeds is best determined by fair and accountable political representation.

My experience in both business and our community allows me to understand the requirements of both the residential and commercial sectors of our city.

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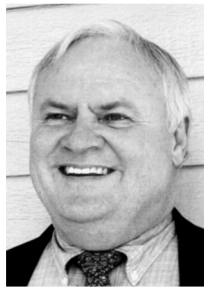
**Sarah
CHANDLER**
Nonpartisan

A Bellevue resident for 20 years, I am a former Planning Commissioner, currently a member of Bellevue's Critical Areas CAC and the Municipal League Task Force on the Future of King County, and a former president of the Lake Washington Branch AAUW.

I was elected to three terms on the National Board of Common Cause and was CC state president in both Oregon and Washington. I was the lead lobbyist for the nation's first postcard voter registration system, helped draft election reforms, and was committee staff in the Oregon State Legislature. In Washington, served on the Governor's Commission on Ethics and Campaign Practices.

My experience with open and accountable government and extensive knowledge of election systems will be valuable in evaluating a range of alternatives. Bellevue deserves a charter that best reflects the will of thoughtful, committed citizens now and in the future.

Endorsed: Institute for Community Involvement.



**John
VAN DUZOR**
Nonpartisan

I am running for a freeholder position to give my time and perspective to the community that I have called home for nearly forty years. I am a self-employed small business owner with 2 sons, one in the Navy and one at Interlake High School.

I have no preconceived ideas or agenda as to the direction that the Charter process should take. I do believe that it is time to evaluate our present form of city government. I plan to listen to all freeholders, residents, and issues and only then decide what improvements or changes should be recommended to the voters. I will at all times remember that I am here as a service to our community.

I believe that an independently elected commission can create a Charter that reflects the values of our community. I will strive to produce a Charter that all the residents of Bellevue will embrace.

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**John
CHELMINIAK**
Nonpartisan

I'm running for Freeholder because I'm concerned about some of the proposed changes in Bellevue. In the past six years, Bellevue has not raised its property taxes. I want to make certain that no changes are made in Bellevue that lead to higher taxes and less effective government.

I've managed in the public and private sectors, serve on Bellevue's Planning Commission, and live in west Bellevue. I will measure any change in Bellevue's government based on four principles:

- Will it be more efficient and effective?
- Will it be responsive to all citizens, not special interests?
- Is there accountability to all neighborhoods?
- Will taxes and overhead be kept low?

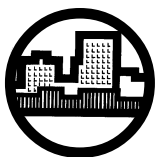
I've experienced a divisive ward-system like the one proposed. Bellevue's government should unite neighborhoods, not divide them.

Bellevue is the jewel of King County. Let's not tarnish it.

Please vote for John Chelminiak on May 20th.

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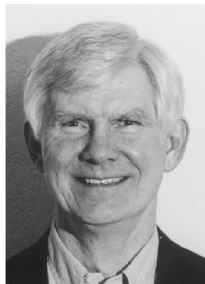
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**John
MEREDITH**
Nonpartisan

I am running for Freeholder because I believe that elected officials should be directly accountable to the voters. It is time to craft a city government that is more responsive to the needs of citizens. I graduated from the University of Puget Sound, and served as an officer in the Marine Corps during the Vietnam War. A Bellevue resident for 25 years, I work for Boeing, have a master's degree in business administration, and am a member of the Bridle Trails Community Club. I am a Council Member for the Society of Professional Engineering Employees in Aerospace, serve on the Executive Council of my church, and have experience as a precinct committeeman.

Becoming a charter city is an important step toward holding our policy makers accountable for ensuring that Bellevue is a city where we want to live and work. I ask for your vote on May 20th.

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**Gary
WEBER**
Nonpartisan

I was raised on the Eastside and have lived in Bellevue for 14 years. I have seen Bellevue become an impressive city with an outstanding quality of life thanks to committed leaders and dedicated volunteers. I'm running for freeholder in order to help continue the tradition of leadership, fairness and accountability that has made Bellevue a great city.

My job requires me to interact with city governments throughout the region. Successful cities have governance structures that foster consensus rather than division, and policies that encourage the common good over the interests of the few. They are the same principles that I share with the young people that I teach in Sunday school. Our city government must continue to be efficiently managed, accessible to all of us and nimble enough to respond to both the opportunities and the challenges that lie ahead.

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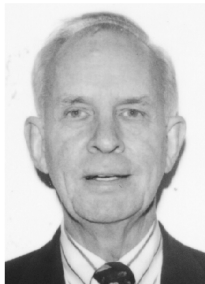
**Harvey Z.
KRILOFF**
Nonpartisan

Bellevue has matured from the pioneering stage of streets, schools and sewers, through a youth of parks, pollution and protection, to its present phase of culture, consolidation and contemplation, under a single governmental structure. It's time for our town to join the 11 major city players of Washington and assume greater control, cooperation and celebrity under our own Charter.

During the 26 years that I resided, raised a family and participated in the civic life of Bellevue, economic leadership was the exclusive focus for an adolescent community with trinkets, but few responsibilities. A Charter provides a mechanism for bringing residents, businesses and consumers together to move onto a period of achievement, influence and charm.

Let's join together and create a blueprint that artistically, economically and compassionately builds on the past, yet achieves a better future. Let's not be afraid to explore the possibility that there might be a better way.

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**James L.
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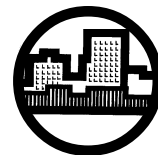
My name is James Haskin (Jim), I have lived in Bellevue for twenty-six years. For nineteen of those years, I owned and operated an Office Products Company in Bellevue. Overall, I have forty-five years of experience as a corporate manager and small businessman.

My community service includes two years as Chairman of the Zoning Board of Appeals, nine years as an Officer in the National Office Products Assoc., and for the past three years I have been President of the Wilburton Community Association. I am a member of Crossroads Bible Church, a father of five daughters, and my wife Alice and I are proud to call Bellevue home. Our current form of Governance has served the City well. For that reason, I am voting NO on Charter Now. That said, if the vote is yes, I would be honored to represent your voice on the Charter Commission.

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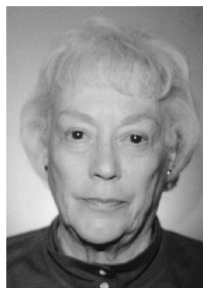
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Gwen D. WARREN
Nonpartisan

Resident Bellevue since 1956. Married; two children who attended Bellevue public schools. Active in Parent-Faculty clubs at Clyde Hill, Chinook Junior High, and Bellevue High School. Served on various city committees including former Bike-Ped Committee; currently on Access Downtown committee.

In 1956 Bellevue was a small town. Many things have changed in intervening years. Believe it would improve quality of community if we elected council people from seven different regions of city; citizens of each area should select and vote for their council member. This would greatly reduce cost of running for council and would place power in local area. Council members should select mayor from their membership; the council members would hire a professional to administer or manage city government.

Received bachelor degree Political Science WSU; graduate study University of Washington.

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Vicki ORRICO
Nonpartisan

I love Bellevue. I have an interest in seeing that we have the most effective government possible. While I believe Bellevue is a well-run city, I am interested in reviewing the process to see if there is a way to make it better. It is important to have citizens on the charter drafting team who are objective, and don't have preconceived notions about what form a new charter should take.

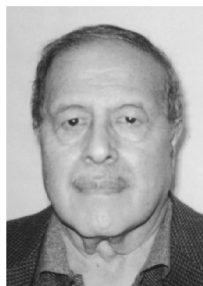
My husband and I have a son in preschool through BCC, and a daughter at Somerset Elementary. I am an attorney in private practice, and have experience working in government. I believe in giving back to the community through active volunteerism. I am a director of Women Business Owners and Chairperson of my son's preschool co-op. I am active in the Washington State Bar Association. I previously served as Vice-Chairperson of the Citizen Advocacy Panel to Improve the IRS.

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Manuel YGLESIAS
Nonpartisan

Manuel Yglesias is the right man to represent you in the new city charter. He has lived with his wife in Bellevue for the last 25 years raising four children. Always involved in volunteer work for children and now for the elderly and minorities. As a war veteran he also brings understanding of veterans concerns.

Bellevue growth in the last fifty years has brought a more diverse population and a need to insure that all citizens are well represented in city government. Manuel believes that by reconsidering how the Bellevue City Council and the mayor are elected, we will be able to create an inclusive and collaborative leadership team for our city.

If Manuel is chosen to represent you on the city charter he will listen to all points of view from the diverse groups and help to create a Charter that supports the good government for all of us.

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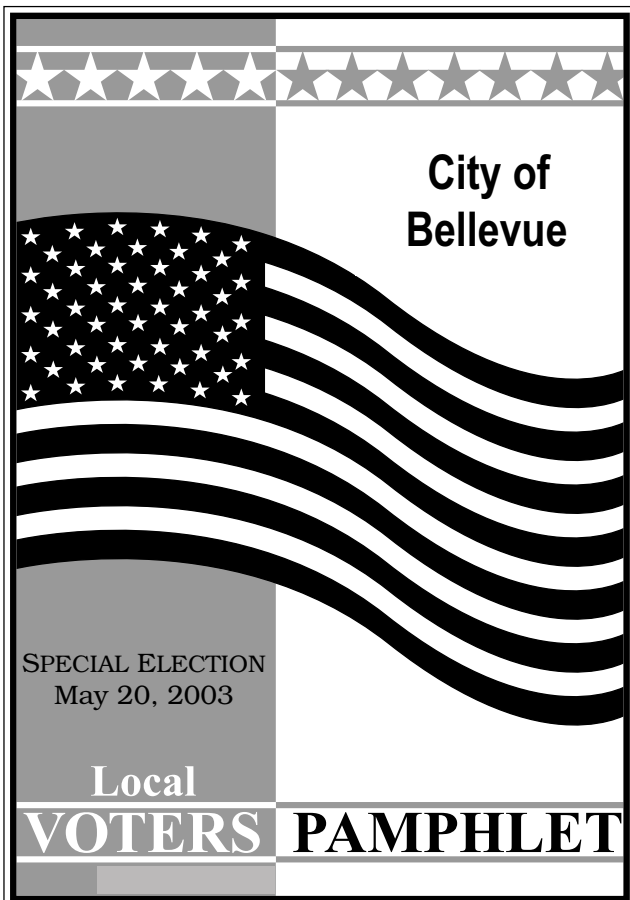
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